

HOUSE BILL 1230

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By: **Delegates Olszewski, Frick, Hecht, Manno, and Montgomery**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage Recycling and Reduce Litter**
3 **in Maryland's Waterways**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage
5 Recycling and Reduce Litter in Maryland's Waterways; providing for the
6 membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of
7 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study certain issues relevant to
8 recycling and reducing litter in Maryland's waterways; requiring the Task Force
9 to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for reimbursement for expenses
11 for a member of the Task Force; providing for the staff of the Task Force;
12 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
13 establishment of the Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage Recycling
14 and Reduce Litter in Maryland's Waterways;.

15 WHEREAS, Litter is a contributing factor to the deteriorating health of
16 Maryland's waterways; and

17 WHEREAS, Recycling has been a proven method of reducing litter; now,
18 therefore,

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That:

21 (a) There is a Task Force to Develop Strategies to Encourage Recycling and
22 Reduce Litter in Maryland's Waterways.

23 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

24 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
25 of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) one members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
2 of the House;

3 (3) one representative of the retail community, appointed by the
4 Governor;

5 (4) one county official who has experience handling recycling
6 materials, appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties;

7 (5) one municipal official who has experience handling recycling
8 materials, appointed by the Maryland Municipal League;

9 (6) one official from Baltimore City who has experience handling
10 recycling materials, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City;

11 (7) one representative from the Chesapeake Foundation; and

12 (8) two representatives of the public, appointed by the Governor.

13 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

14 (d) The Department of the Environment and the Department of Legislative
15 Services jointly shall provide staff for the Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

17 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

18 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
19 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

20 (f) The Task Force shall study:

21 (1) the effectiveness of the laws in the State relating to recycling and
22 reducing litter in Maryland's waterways, including determining if any of the laws
23 should be revised and offering specific recommendations for revision;

24 (2) the feasibility of implementing a statewide education outreach
25 program to inform the public of the impact of litter on the waterways of the State,
26 specifically the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries;

27 (3) the recycling and reuse programs of other states that have higher
28 recycling rates than Maryland, and the feasibility of implementing those programs in
29 the State; and

30 (4) any other issue the Task Force considers relevant to the goal of
31 encouraging recycling and reducing litter in Maryland's waterways.

1 (g) On or before December 31, 2010, the Task Force shall report its findings
2 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
3 Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of
6 December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
7 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.